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PRC ON MWARA AND RDARA BOUNDARIES AND NOMENCLATURE

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1. SEPTEMBER 8-24 ICAO COMMUNICATIONS DIVISIONAL (COM/DIV) MEETING, WHICH IS IN PREPARATION FOR FEBRUARY 1978 ITU AERONAUTICAL WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS HAS BEEN REVIEWING ALLOTMENT AREA BOUNDARIES OF MAJOR WORLD AIR ROUTE AREAS (MWARAS) AND REGIONAL AND DOMESTIC ROUTE AREAS (RDARAS).

2. DURING COMMITTEE A MEETING TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW MWARA FOR NORTH CENTRAL ASIA (NCA) PREDOMINANTLY ON BEHALF OF USSR, PRC ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND 15 INSISTED ON SOUTHERN NCA MWARA BOUNDARY DELINEATION DIFFERENT FROM THAT AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE. CHICOMS REQUESTED THAT NCA MWARA STOP AT NORTHERN MAINLAND CHINESE FRONTIER RATHER THAN EXTEND FURTHER SOUTH, AND SOVIETS ARGUED FOR SUCH EXTENSION. COMMITTEE CONCLUDED WITH QUALIFYING STATEMENT THAT STATES CONCERNED RESOLVE MWARA BOUNDARY PROBLEM BY COORDINATION WITH ICAO WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF DATE OF APPROVAL BY ICAO COUNCIL. PRC FILED RESERVATION

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STATEMENT.

3. SIMILAR MWARA BOUNDARY DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN PRC AND USSR AROSE ON SAME DATES DURING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW EXPANDED MWARA FROM RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING SOUTHEAST ASIA (SEA) MWARA. COMMITTEE A HAD AGREED TO DIVIDE EXPANDED SEA MWARA EAST TO WEST, WITH SOUTHERN POSRION RETAINING SEA MWARA DESIGNATION. DISPUTE AROSE OVER CHICOM INSISTENCE ON, AND SOVIET RESISTANCE TO, DESIGNATION OF NORTHERN PORTION AS NORTHEAST AISA MWARA. IN ADDITION, PEKING REQUESTED THAT NORTHERN MWARA STOP AT NORTHERN MAINLAND CHINESE FRONTIER, WHILE MOSCOW INSISTED ON EXTENSION INTO USSR. SIMILAR QUALIFYING STATEMENT AGREED IN COMMITTEE, AND PRC SIMILARLY DISSATISFIED.

4. FINALLY, PRC ON SEPTEMBER 13 PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RDARA 6G, COVERING ENTIRE MAINLAND CHINA PLUS REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) AND MOST OF SOUTH CHINA SEA, EXCLUDING EXISTING RDARAS 6B, 6D AND 6F (SEE RDARA CHART OF APPENDIX 27 TO ITU RADIO REGULATIONS FOR REFERENCE). COMMITTEE A AGREED TO EXCLUDE EXTENSION OF PROPOSED RDARA 6G SOUTH OF 20 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE, WITH EXCEPTION OF HAINAN ISLAND AND TO AMEND 6B AND 6F RDARA WESTERN BOUNDARIES TO COINCIDE WITH EASTERN BOUNDARY OF NEW RDARA 6G, LEAVING 6D UNCHANGED. CHINA FILED RESERVATION.

5. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT USSR MAY, BEFORE END OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, REQUEST VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET-SUPPORTED BOUNDARIES FOR CONCERNED MWARAS. PRC ALSO COULD REQUEST VOTE ON MWARA BOUNDARIES IT SUPPORTS, AS WELL AS NOMENCLATURE FOR NORTHERN SEA MWARA AND ITS PROPOSED RDARA 6G. IF SUCH VOTING OCCURS, COM/DIV MEETING DELEGATION INTENDS TO ABSTAIN UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.
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